

June 28, 2015

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

Psalm 97:11



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p.5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 11; 409; 412; 413:5-6

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-9

When Abram reached the age of 99 years God appeared to him to confirm His covenant of grace so that through Abraham's descendent (note Abram's name change to Abraham) he would become the father of many nations. This includes us today, for we also are spiritual descendants of Abraham through faith in Jesus. God is faithful, and His Word of life and salvation was fulfilled, and is being fulfilled among us today. We have life and peace in Jesus' name, and possess the hope of that Promised Land in heaven for which Abraham also watched and prayed.

THE EPSITILE LESSON: Acts 4:1-12

The leaders of the people were greatly disturbed that Peter and John (as well as the other apostles) preached that in Jesus there is the resurrection from the dead. There are still many today who object to this gracious message of life, but while some disdain this salvation Jesus remains the only "name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (v.12).

THE SERMON: Matthew 5:7-12

Theme: Living in a Blessed Spiritual State

- I. Blessed to Know God in His Grace, Mercy, and Peace
- II. Blessed to Suffer for Righteousness' Sake

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class are in summer recess.

SUNDAY - MONDAY: Board of Regents meeting in Fridley.

WEDNESDAY: Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (We are planning additional VBS sessions for Wednesdays July 8, & 15.) We had 5 children in attendance for our first Wednesday evening session. Volunteer to provide a snack for this Wednesday would be appreciated.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship 9:30. Sermon text: Genesis 19:15-26.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1, 8, 15: We have scheduled our **Vacation Bible School** on consecutive Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. VBS is for all children from four years of age through 8th grade. Visitors are welcome but should register ahead so we have adequate supplies.

August 10-16: Pastor on vacation.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Melvin Eichstadt, Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 21 Worship 28

No offering report available for June 21

CLC NEWS: Pastor Em. Burgess Huehn has announced his plans to return to full retirement at the end of August. Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI, has now called Pastor Em. David Lau, Eau Claire WI.

The 2015 CLC Mission Helpers to East Africa will be departing from Chicago on Monday, June 29th. The fifteen Mission Helpers will divide into the following teams:

Kenya Team: Pastor Michael Gurath (Phoenix, AZ) Anna Gurath (Phoenix, AZ) Kirsten Gullerud (Mountain View, CA) Jennifer Grabow (Mankato, MN) Hannah Hulke (Eau Claire, WI)

Tanzania Team: Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (Sleepy Eye, MN), Samuel Naumann (Clarkson, WA), Jessica Schaller (Watertown, SD), Raven Haight (Markesan, WI), Jessica Schreyer (Mankato, MN)

Zambia Team: Pastor Todd Ohlmann (St. Louis, MO), Lucas Brown (Phoenix, AZ), Lydia Albrecht (Milwaukee, WI), Heidi Lau (Eau Claire, WI), Riley Noeldner (Eau Claire, WI).

Please pray that the Lord would give an abundance of wisdom, love, compassion, patience, and safety to the Mission Helpers and to those they go to serve as the Gospel is proclaimed to 2500+ children in several villages throughout Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. Pray also for the pastors and church leaders that Pastors Mayhew, Gurath, and Ohlmann will be working with during the pastoral training seminars and conferences.

You will be able to follow the progress of the trip at:
<http://2015clcmhteastafrica.blogspot.com/>